

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings in Exhibit A include amendments to Figure 4B.

One sheet of annotated drawings is also attached as Exhibit B. Please replace original Figure 4B accordingly.

REMARKS

1. Status of Application

The present application includes pending claims 1-19. Claims 1-3 and 5 were rejected in the Examiner's Office action mailed December 7, 2004. Claim 4 was objected to, but indicated to recite allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim.

By this response, claims 2 and 3 are amended to depend from claim 4. Claims 4 and 5 are amended. Claim 1 is canceled. New claims 6-19 are added.

2. Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings "as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: 116-1, 116-2, 116-3, 116-4, 202-1, 202-2, 202-3, and 202-4." *See* Office action at 2.

Applicants respectfully submit one (1) replacement sheet, which includes Figure 4B (attached hereto as Exhibit A). For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants have also submitted an annotated drawing, showing the proposed amendments in red ink (attached hereto as Exhibit B). No new matter has been added. The drawing amendments are submitted to conform Figure 4B to the text of the application, and to other drawings in the application.

Applicants request consideration and entry of these amendments to Figure 4B.

3. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) "as being unpatentable over Mertol (U.S. 5,940,271) in view of Daves et al. (U.S. 6,091,603)." Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 2-3 have been amended to depend from claim 4. The Examiner has indicated that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim. Applicants have amended claim 4 to incorporate the limitations of base claim 1. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-4 are allowable, and request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of these claims.

Claim 5, as amended, is directed to a method of manufacturing an integrated circuit package that includes, among other things, *singulating, wherein a top portion and a side portion of said heat sink are exposed to the surroundings of said package*. Applicants respectfully note that claim 4 recites, among other things, a method of manufacturing an integrated circuit package that includes “singulating [a] prepackage to form [a] package, wherein a top portion and a side portion of [a] heat sink are exposed to the surroundings of said package.” Applicants submit that neither Mertol nor Daves *et al.* discloses or suggests a method that includes singulating as recited in amended claim 5. Applicants thus submit that amended claim 5 is allowable, and Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 5.

New claims 6 – 13 depend from amended claim 5. New claims 14 – 19 depend from amended claim 4.

4. Conclusion and Request for Reconsideration


Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections and objections, and allowance of all pending claims. If a telephone interview would further prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

5. Authorization

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this filing, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-3250. **EXCEPT** for issue fees

payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-3250. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3). Although this paper is believed to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for any necessary extension of time that may be required.

Respectfully submitted,
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Annotated Marked-Up Drawings

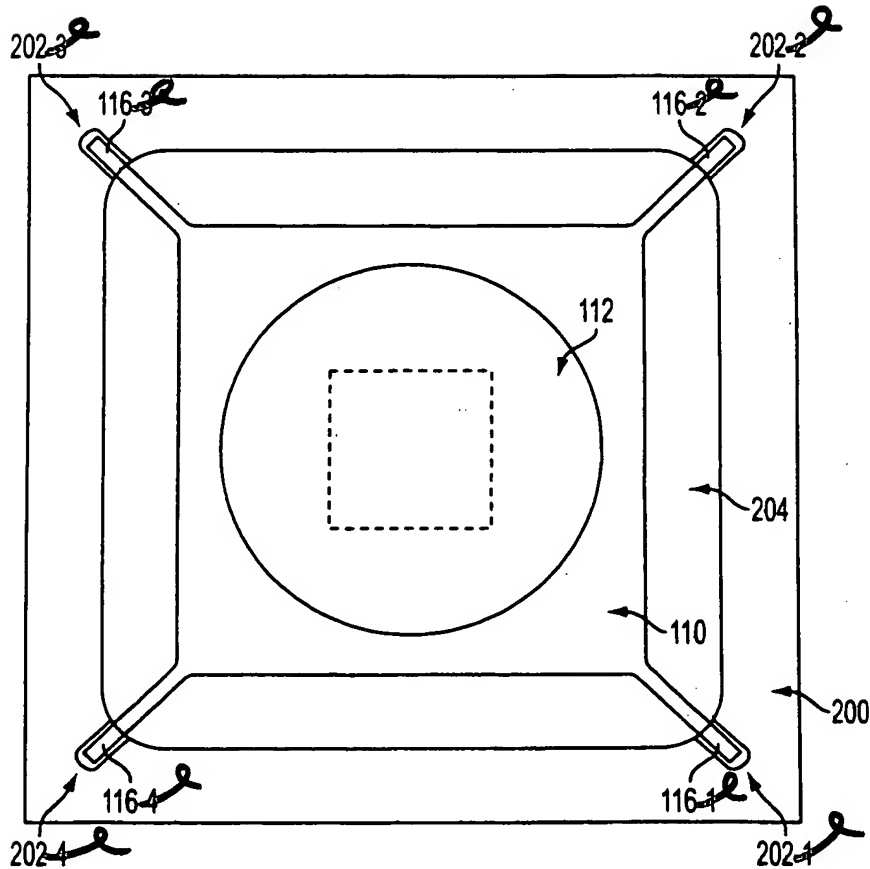


FIG. 4B